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PRINCIPALS

much better if you can hit on the right system at once, than to have to make a change. In particular the imperious mode—the straightforward, determined assumption of authority—which succeeds very well with some meek-spirited men, and is the only plan with some cowardly ones, is a very dangerous course if it does fail. A man whom his wife has attempted to bully, and without success, is apt to become totally unmanageable by all methods afterwards. And the same may be said of scolding. It succeeds admirably with some men; but when it does not succeed, it weakens the wife's influence.

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Generally speaking, therefore, I should recommend gentle means to begin with; and harsher modes to be resorted to afterwards if the former fail. Many men are governed by their affections. For though a man is a very unfeeling, hard-hearted animal, compared with one of us, still there are many of them that have affection enough to be ruled through the means of that. And though they are generally too unfeeling to secome (as Dickens expresses it) quite wa-

Perservance, again, will succeed with ome men when nothing else will. I have snown men who could stand conxing, and icolding, and weeping, fairly wearied out by necessant importunity, just as many people are bothered into giving to a beggar. I would have you to try the other ways first; but, if every thing else fails, it is worth trying whether a man may not be wearied out, so as to give way merely for the sake of

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Your glory should be, not only to take care that your husband should do what he ought, but that he should be compelled to confess that it is Ais one choice. It is glorious to represent yourself assubmitting with angelic meekness to the imperious sway of your lord, when in reality you have prevailed on him to give way, and to he guided by your better judgment to do just what you think best. When you have prevailed on him to buy you a smart dress, which in heart he grudges, or to set up his carriage, or to change his residence, or to cut an old acquaintance, or to change his name, or to frequent parties which he detests, &c., you acquaintance, or to change his name, or to frequent parties which he detests, &c., you should whisper to all your friends, as a great secret, that Mr. ——— would have it and the 

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band spends without your leave is downright robbery, though you may be obliged to submit to it; and that whatever household control in I he assumes is an act of usurpation—the worst kind of usurpation, just as many account suicide the worst kind of murder for it is rebellion ngainst himself, you being in your own department his representative, and invested with all his authority.

Husbands must be managed according to their dispositions. There is no one kind of treatment that will suit all alike. You must try the mode you think most likely to suit your own husband's character, and if that does not succeed, try another. But it is much better if you can hit on the right system at once, than to have to make a change.

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